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E.O. 12065: GDS 18/31/95(HUMMEL, A.W.) OR-M  
TAGS: PEP, PROR, AF, PK, US  
SUBJ: (C) AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH ADDITIONAL FOREIGN  
SECRETARY PIRACHA ON MATTERS AFGHAN

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1. C (ENTIRE TEXT)  
2. I MET OCT 31 WITH RIAZ PIRACHA WHO HAS NOW COMPLETED ABOUT  
THREE WEEKS AS ADDITIONAL SECRETARY IN MFA, HAVING COME  
DIRECTLY FROM HIS AMBASSADORSHIP IN KABUL. PIRACHA IS  
RUNNING THE MFA IN ABSENCE OF BOTH AGHA SHAHI AND PONSEC  
SHARNAWAZ. I WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ACTING POLCOMS AND  
PIRACHA BY MFA AMERICAS DIRECTOR RANA.

3. USING TALKING POINTS IN REFFELS A AND B I BROUGHT  
PIRACHA UP-TO-DATE ON OUR VIEW OF DRA STANCE VIS-A-VIS  
RELATIONS WITH US. I THEN GAVE HIM HIGH POINTS OF CHARGE  
BLOOD'S MEETING OCT 27 WITH DRA PRESIDENT AMIN (REF D).  
PIRACHA LISTENED AND TOOK NOTES THROUGHOUT.

4. WHEN I FINISHED PIRACHA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:  
-- IT IS INTERESTING BLOOD SAY AMIN INSTEAD OF SHAH WALI.  
PEP'S THIS SIGNIFIES DRA DESIRE TO "WARM" RELATIONS MORE  
THAN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALK WOULD INDICATE.

—AMIN MAY WELL FEEL HIMSELF TOO CLOSE TO SOVIETS AND  
WANTS TO SIGNAL MOSCOW AND OTHERS THAT HE IS NOT TOTALLY  
COOPERED.

—AFTER SEPT 19 THERE WERE MANY RUMORS IN KABUL CONCERNING  
THIS DESIRE TO IMPROVE DRA-US RELATIONS AND IT OCCURS TO  
GAP THAT POSSIBLY THE IMPRESSION IS REALLY BEING GIVEN AT  
REQUEST OF THE COMRADES.

—THE THREE INHIBITING FACTORS IN US-DRA RELATIONS (DRA'S  
KILLING, AMBASSY STAFFING AND DRA INCREASED DEPENDENCE ON  
USSR) SEEM NOT TO HAVE BEEN MEASURABLY CHANGED BY THE TALK  
WITH BLOOD.

—AMIN IS TRYING OUT "NEW IMAGE" USING NEW MOTTO OF  
"SECURITY, JUSTICE AND LIBERTY". PERHAPS THE CONCILIARY  
ATTITUDE TO RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE US AND PAKISTAN IS  
PART OF THIS IMAGE.

3. I ASKED PIRACHA ABOUT DRA-US RELATIONSHIPS AND HE  
OFFERED THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEMS:

—AMIN AND THE DRA ARE TALKING WITH NEW ENTHUSIASM ABOUT  
RECIPROCAL VISITS. AS OF NOW THREE ARE PLANNED BUT NOT  
SCHEDULED: AGHA SHAHI TO KABUL; SHAH WALI TO ISLAMABAD; AND  
ZIA ULHAQ TO KABUL. AGHA SHAHI WILL DECIDE ON A DATE FOR  
HIS VISIT AFTER THE EID HOLIDAY (BEGINS NOV 1) AND WILL  
PROBABLY COME TO GO IN LATTER HALF OF NOVEMBER. SHAH  
WALI'S RETURN VISIT WILL FOLLOW BUT NO CLEAR TIMING AVAILABLE.  
FINALLY, ZIA MAY GO AT A LATER DATE. FORMAL INVITATIONS  
TO BOTH FOREIGN ADVISOR AND PRESIDENT HAVE NOW BEEN  
DELIVERED.

—GAP REALLY DOES NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH SUBSTANCE TO COME  
OF THE SERIES OF MEETINGS.

—THE NEW PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO KABUL, ALTAF SHAHEK, IS  
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT POST ON NOV 6.

6. I THINK PIRACHA WILL HAVE A FINE STOVE ECO TO SPANNAWIZ  
AND WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE SPECTACLE. HE IS  
GARRULOUS AND OBVIOUSLY HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT NOW IS  
AFGHANISTAN. WE WILL SEE HOW HE PERFORMS ON SUBJECT  
MATTER IN WHICH HE IS, NOT SUCH AN ACKNOWLEDGED EXPERT. I  
HAD KNOWN HIM FAVORABLY WHEN WE WERE AMBS IN RANGOON. HUMMEL  
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